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Docket No. 564682000100

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Lutz BIEDERMANN et al.

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For: BONE SCREW

Examiner: NOT YET ASSIGNED

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully remind the Examiner that the examination of this application is to be conducted with ***SPECIAL DISPATCH*** in accordance with 37 CFR 1.607(b) in view of the filing of the Request for Declaration of Interference concurrently herewith. The undersigned attorney of record stands ready to take whatever steps are necessary and appropriate to expedite declaration of an interference between this application and the Carbone application, U.S. Serial No. 10/091,068.

Respectfully submitted,

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